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1. [REDACTED] Met with James Davidson, staff member, Senate Government Operations Committee, and discussed the Agency's request for a partial exemption from the provisions of S. 3418, the Senate version of the right of privacy bill. I explained that OMB had not cleared our views in sufficient time to be considered by the Committee. He said that the bill is scheduled for floor vote next Thursday and that Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D., N. C.) will submit a number of technical amendments. He further stated that our exemption could be included since the Committee report on the bill states that it was not the intent of the Committee to adversely affect the operations of national security agencies. However, this would be a personal judgment for Senator Ervin. I explained our problems with section 553 of title 5, U.S.C, the rule-making procedure. Davidson said he will meet with Norm Cornish, Deputy Staff Director, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information--staff officer on the House version of the privacy bill (H.R. 16373)--at which time he will discuss our exemption. Davidson will call me next Monday, as to the result of their meeting.

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2. [REDACTED] In response to his request met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, to discuss the implications of the Hughes covert action amendment. See Memorandum for the Record.

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3. [REDACTED] In light of Ed Braswell's, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, comment that a cleaned up Foreign Assistance Authorization bill may be reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before recess, I called Matthew J. Harvey, Legislative Affairs, AID, and in his absence spoke with Christopher Russell of his staff. Russell said they had no information that this would happen, but said he would be checking with the Committee and would let me know if he learned anything differently.

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4. [redacted] Spoke with Bud McFarlane, NSC, and reviewed the various initiatives in the Senate and the House on covert action and our contacts on the Hill on this matter. I asked if he could give us any specific guidance in general and in particular as to the extent the legislative propositions encroach upon the President's constitutional authorities. McFarlane thanked us for calling this to his attention indicating that it hasn't received much attention up to now and we LDXd him a copy of the proposed amendment draft by Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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5. [redacted] Max Friedersdorf, Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, returned my call of Thursday. I told him our interest is to keep them informed and of course to invite any suggestions they may have and reviewed the status of the various legislative initiatives involving covert action and our contacts in connection therewith on the Hill. Friedersdorf appreciated being kept up-to-date and in response to my inquiry said he believed the Committee Reform legislation (which would grant the House Foreign Affairs Committee an overview authority with respect to foreign and military intelligence) was doomed to failure.

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6. [redacted] In a meeting with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, it was learned that Chairman Nedzi has prepared amendments to delete the overview authority granted the House Foreign Affairs Committee in the Committee Reform Amendments of 1974 (H. Res. 988). Slatinshek doubts that the Committee Reform legislation will pass this session.

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7. [redacted] Spoke with Mr. Meissner, on the staff of Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.), and obtained from him a listing of personal staff and Government Operations Committee staffers who will attend the briefing next week on oil: Joseph Farrell, Administrative Assistant; John Childers, Legislative Assistant; Robert Vastine, Minority Counsel, Government Operations Committee; Stuart Statler, Minority Chief Counsel, Hanna McCornack, Special Counsel, and Robert Sloan, Special Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; and John Pearson, Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Reorganization, Research and International Organizations.

25X1A I told Meissner that we always wanted to be helpful but we do have limited resources to conduct such briefings, but we did want to abide by our ground rules that the briefing would not be advertised. He said he understood. He said Scott Cohen, of the staff, would not attend and mentioned [redacted] had seen Cohen about the briefing. It has been tentatively set for 2:30 p.m., 10 October in Percy's office.

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25X1A 8. [redacted] In the company of [redacted]
25X1A and [redacted] met with General William B. Maxson, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, who is going to serve as an escort officer for an upcoming trip with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff. No special arrangements were agreed to and none seemed to be needed.

25X1 9. [redacted] Sharon Matts, Administrative Assistant to Representative Jack Brooks (D., Texas), called to ask if the briefing on SAT scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Monday, 7 October, could be changed to 3 p.m. After checking with the offices of Mr. Kane, OGC, and DDA, I told Brooks' office the briefing would be changed to 3 p.m.

25X1 10. [redacted] Accompanied Carl Duckett, DDS&T, to a meeting with Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, Chairman F. Edward Hebert (D., La.), House Armed Services Committee, and Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel of the Committee, for a briefing on a sensitive project. Mr. Duckett will continue to keep the Committee advised on the matter.

In a later conversation with Chairman Nedzi, he told me that he had talked to Chairman Jack Brooks (D., Texas), Subcommittee on Government Activities, House Committee on Government Operations, and that William M. Jones, Staff Director of the Subcommittee, will be sitting in on the Agency briefing on Monday. Nedzi told me there were no particular caveats but that the meeting would be in Brooks' office and for the purpose of briefing him on the SAT matter. As far as Air America/Air Asia, Nedzi said we should not hesitate to mention the GAO study and fill him in on as much detail as is necessary. I thanked him for his advice.

25X1 11. [redacted] Received a call from Robert A. Crandall, Counsel, House Committee on Internal Security, who told me that Chairman Richard H. Ichord (D., Mo.), Chairman of the Committee, is having difficulty with the hearing scheduled for the week of 7 October and that it will be necessary to reconfirm on Monday, 7 October, for the meeting scheduled for [redacted]
25X1C [redacted] for Wednesday, 9 October. The other hearing for that day has already
25X1C been cancelled. I thanked Crandall for the call. [redacted] and
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12. [] Received a call from Ms. Ellie Vogtmann, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who asked for the 26 November 1973 transcript of hearings before the Committee entitled "Briefing on Chile" to be delivered first thing Monday morning. Arrangements were made with [] to deliver the transcript on Monday morning.

13. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and gave him a copy of [] blind memorandum of the minutes of the meeting of 30 September 1974 of the bi-weekly Intelligence Subcommittee briefing.

I also briefed Slatinshek on Covert Action Item #2.

I then discussed with him the meeting with Chairman Jack Brooks (D., Texas), Subcommittee on Government Activities, House Committee on Government Operations, scheduled for Monday, 7 October at 3:00 p.m. I left with Slatinshek a copy of the letter to Chairman Chet Holifield (D., Calif.), House Committee on Government Operations, concerning H.R. 16373 relating to individual access to information held by government agencies.

14. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on Covert Action Item #2.

15. [] Stopped by to see Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, but he is out of the city on a trip to the West Coast until Tuesday, 8 October.

16. [] Picked up a letter for [] IC staff, from Representative Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.).

17. [] Winslow Wheeler, on the staff of Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.), called late yesterday afternoon to request the text of a speech Premier Fidel Castro gave recently while Senators Javits and Claiborne Pell (D., R.I.) were in Cuba. Called []

[] office.

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